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TOPIC Military Information from Letzling Heath, Huetten-Born Area 25X1

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1. During observation in the area 'from Haldensleben to Letzlingen via Huetten and Born on 17 August 1951, source saw numerous trucks 25X1 on both sides of the road to Huetten. Several trucks were also parked in front of a former restaurant at the eastern end of Huetten, on the north side of the road. The building was used as a Soviet ration supply point. About 50 to 60 armored vehicles were seen near a troop bivouac east of Huetten.

2. 25X1 vehicles were seen on the Haldensleben-Huetten-Born road, mostly driving toward Camp Born:

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4. From 300 to 400 trucks were parked directly east of Born. Local residents said that there were about 40,000 troops at the troop training grounds. No field training or gun fire was noticed on 17 August.

5. 25X1 Soviet troops held field exercises at Weferlingen up to 17 August. 25X1 at the Haldensleben railroad station 25X1 some troop units arrived at, but no units left from, the station up to 17 August. *

6. The unloading of 15 to 20 trucks with pontoons was observed in Tangerhuetten on 17 August. Three hours later on the same day, source observed troops with 8 AA guns, probably 85-mm, and 12 trucks being unloaded from a train in Neu-Haldensleben. 25X1

The unit subsequently travelled toward

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7. Four boxcars with ration supplies, 2 boxcars with ammunition and 2 boxcars with gasoline barrels were unloaded at the Neuhaudensleben freight yard on the same day.

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* [redacted] Comment. The trucks observed on both sides of the road through Huetten belong to the 7th Gds Tank Div and the 18th Mecz Div. The estimate of 40,000 troops is believed to have been exaggerated, an estimate of about 30,000 troops being apparently more precise. In the order of frequency, the vehicles observed between Neuhaudensleben and Letzlingen belong to the 19th Gds Mecz Div, the 7th Gds Tank Div, the 6th Gds Tank Div, the 7th Gds Mecz Div, the 13th AAA Div and the unidentified AAA division of the Third Gds Mecz Army. Individual vehicles belong to the 6th Arty Div, the 18th Mecz Div, the 3d Gds AAA Div, headquarters units and the 136th Hvy Tank SP Regt of the Third Shock Army and the 16th Sig Bn of the Eighth Gds Army.

** [redacted] Comment. The troops unloaded in Tangerhuetten are believed to have been an engineer unit going to the engineer training site at Bittkau.

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[redacted] the troops detrained in Neuhaudensleben belonged to a component of the 3d Gds AAA Div.

*** [redacted] Comment. The vehicles hauling the supplies belong primarily to the 7th Gds Tank Div.

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